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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch. *Station*, 8679**REPORT**

Dat. August 19, 1938.

Subject: Shanghai Fish Peddlers' Mutual Help Association (上海市魚販互助會) -  
Letter addressed to Shanghai Municipal Police in connection with  
the increase in commission charged against fish peddlers by fish hongs.

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With reference to the attached letter, enquiries have been made with the following result:-

At the beginning of June, 1938, one Zau Er Chong (趙爾昌), aged 40, native of Shaoshing, attempted to organize a so-called "Shanghai Fish Peddlers' Delegation (上海市魚販代表團)" in a room over the kitchen at No. 41 Avenue Foch, which is his home address. In order to gain support from fish peddlers he published a manifesto in the "Standard" newspaper of June 16 advocating a reduction in the commission charged to fish peddlers by fish hongs. This attempt was however frustrated by the French Police as soon as it was started.

On August 12, one named Wong (王), claiming to represent Zau Er Chong whom he described as the Chairman of the "Shanghai Fish Peddlers' Mutual Help Association" (上海市魚販互助會), called at the Cold Storage Owners' Association, 123 quai de France, and requested Mr. Wang Tseng Se (黃振世), Chairman of the Association, to earmark a certain amount from the funds derived from the increase in commission for the disposal of the "Shanghai Fish Peddlers' Mutual Help Association". This request was rejected by Mr. Wang who does not recognize the latter organization.

It appears that the so-called "Shanghai Fish Peddlers' Mutual Help Association" is not supported by fish peddlers and exists in name only.

Zau was formerly an executive member of the People's Training Department of the former Shanghai Special District Kuomintang Headquarters, but was dismissed in March, 1936, owing to misconduct. Following his dismissal, Zau attempted to organize local fish peddlers in conjunction with Woo Foo